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# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

## NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: The Becky Phipps Cannon				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: Taylor's Island Road (MD 16)				
CITY OR TOWN: Taylor's Island				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Dorchester		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object		<b>OWNERSHIP</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<b>STATUS</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b> Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No				
<b>PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____				
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Neild, J. Stapleforte, T. Reynolds Carpenter, Norman K. Spicer				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Taylor's Island		STATE: Maryland		21669
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Dorchester County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: High Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge		STATE: Maryland		21613
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 003/980, 100/432				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div>(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered
<div>(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
<p>DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE</p> <p>The cannon is mounted on a base of concrete and surrounded by a low fence of chain supported on four concrete posts. It was moved to this location in 1950 after the access to Slaughter Creek Bridge was moved slightly south. At the rear of the cannon is a bronze plaque bearing the following description:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THE BECKY PHIPPS</p> <p>This cannon was captured in 1814 from a tender of a British ship of war "Dauntless."</p> <p>Lieut. Phipps and crew of 17 men and one colored woman were taken prisoners at James Point by Capt. Joseph Stewart's company of militia composed of men from Taylor's Island and Tobacco Stick.</p>	

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> lasaphy	
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> itarian	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Quote from Souvenir. Book of Dorchester Tricentenary Bay Country Festival. Page 81.

### The Becky Phipps Story

In the winter of 1814 the war ship, Dauntless was berthed at Patuxent. British tenders from this ship were sent to prey on the small farms for salt pork and fresh water and other supplies. One of these tenders commanded by a Lt. Phipps entered the Little Choptank River. When off Tobacco Stick (now Madison) the crew of the tender set fire to a local vessel, but they were attack and driven off by the brave men of the village. The tender then proceeded to return to its base, in the Patuxent River, but was prevented from doing so by the piling up of drift ice at the mouth of the river. Having their egress blocked, the crew decided to anchor on the east side of James Island. In the morning they found their tender ice bound and completely surrounded by Capt. Joseph Stewart and a company of volunteers from Taylor's Island, James Island, Parsons Creek, and Tobacco Stick. From piles of drift ice, the small band of patriots forced the surrender of the crew and Lt. Phipps.

A colored woman serving as cook, by the name of Becky, Lt. Phipps, and crew were taken to Tobacco Stick and kept over night in a barn that belonged to Mr. Phillips. The next day they were marched under guard to Cambridge and from there to Easton.

The tender was dismantled and the spoils were taken to the store of Jeramiah Spicer and were sold at public auction. A cannon taken from the tender weighted about 1,000 pounds. It was jokingly referred to as "Becky," after the cook who had been taken by the British during a raid in St. Mary's County, and Phipps after the Lieutenant. Residents of Taylor's Island used to fire the old cannon on special occasions, until it exploded when fired during a Democratic victory celebration over the election of Woodrow Wilson. It was later re-assembled, mounted, and appropriately marked by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dorchester Tercentenary Bay Country Festival 1669-1969  
 Thomas A. Flowers, editor  
 Publishedn Dorchester County, Maryland

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

District 4, Map 59, p. 7A

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

3/21/75

STREET AND NUMBER:

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN:

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

21401

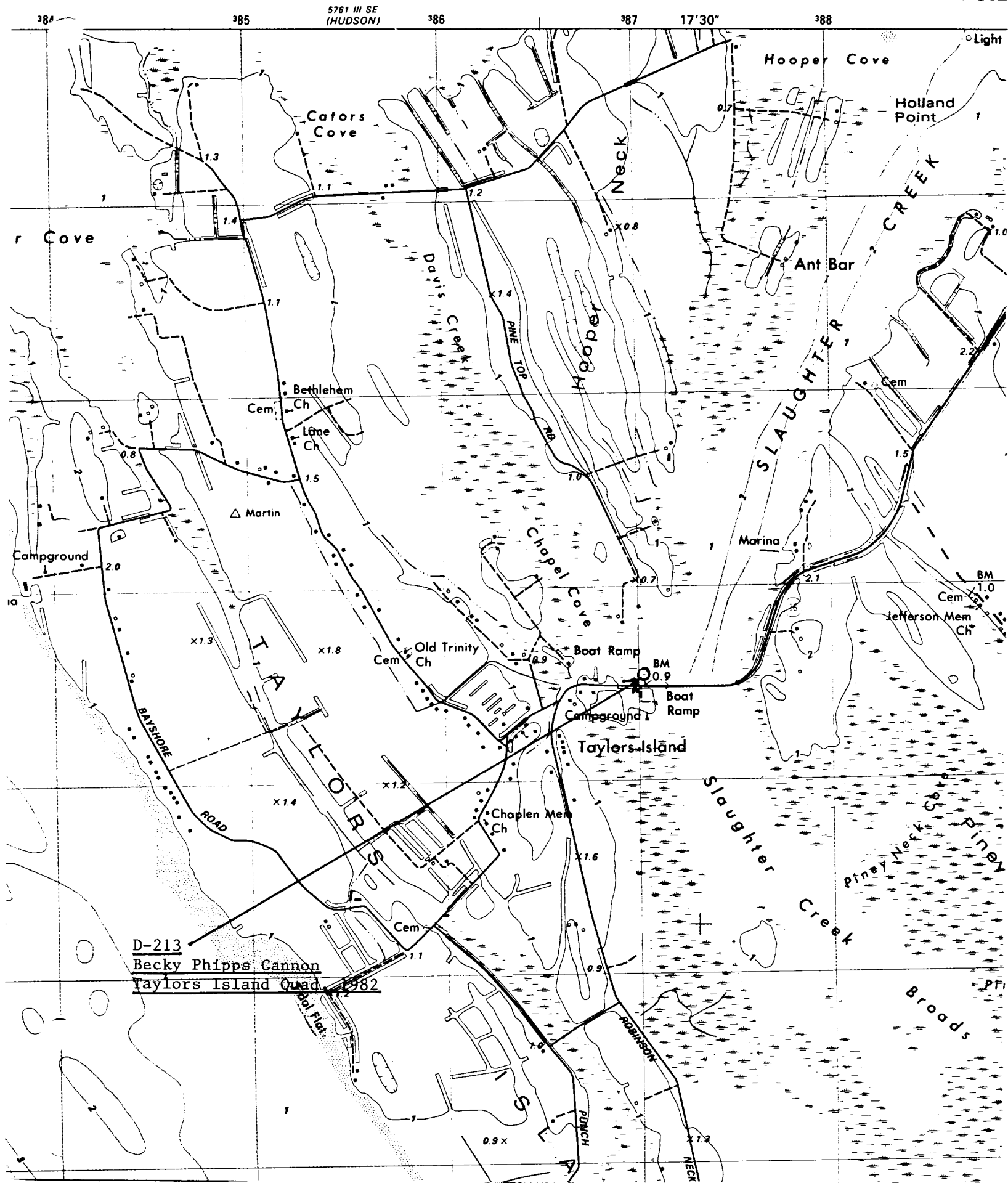
12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature



2 SHOTS: (3.6) @ 77%

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THE BECKY PRIPPS

THIS CANNON WAS CAPTURED  
IN 1844 FROM A TENDER OF THE  
WHITER SHIP OF MAJ SAUNDERS,  
LIEUT PRIPPS AND CREW  
OF 17 MEN AND ONE COUNTESS  
WHOM WERE TAKEN PRISONERS  
AT JAMES POINT BY CAPT  
JOSEPH STEWARTS COMPANY  
OF MILITIA COMPOSED OF  
MEN FROM TAYLORS ISLAND  
AND TOBAGO. STICK

LONDON: HARRISON AND SONS, 1845. PLATE BY  
WRIGHT - LONDON. N.A.S.

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